

Currituck County Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Steering Committee Meeting

June 15, 2010 6:00 PM, 120 Community Way, Barco, NC

Attendees

Karen Pierce	Currituck Resident
Jerry Jennings	NCDOT – Division 1
Steven Lambert	Albemarle RPO
Gretchen Byrum	NCDOT- Division 1, District 1
John Sawyer	Currituck Resident
Holly White	Currituck County Planning
David Palmer	Economic Development Advisory Board
Kerry Morrow	NCDOT- Transportation Planning Branch

I. Introductions

Kerry Morrow opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Each attendee introduced himself/herself to the group.

II. Meeting 3 Minutes

Group reviewed the meeting minutes from Meeting 3 on March 24, 2010.

III. Draft Highway Recommendations

Kerry went through the Highway Recommendations in sequential order:

1. US-158-Karen Pierce stated that she was concerned that there is no funding for this project. Karen Also asked for Kerry's supervisor's contact information
2. US-158- Jerry Jennings explained the difference between an expressway and a boulevard to the group. Jerry also asked Kerry why 158 between Aydlett and Coinjock was going to be an expressway boulevard. Kerry explained this is because of the capacity issues in the future and the future construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge. His issues are that the areas are already highly developed and it might cause a problem. Holly White agreed. Jerry Jennings than explained how right of way agreement works and how DOT can limit access points in the future. Kerry suggested we recommend a feeder road from 168-158 to the High School/ Middle School/ Library area. Jerry suggested a bypass for 168 connecting to 158 south of its currents intersection. By doing this it would relieve the traffic problems with upgrading the 158-168 interchange in the future around the schools. Steve Lambert agreed but maybe the shortcut

(158) cut south and hit 168 at a southern point. Both ideas are very similar. Holly stated that the land use plan for Currituck County suggests Boulevards for 158-168.

4. The committee suggests that the recommendation for #4 is just upgrading facilities and not turning it into a 4 lane road because it is designated at a rural farming area by the county and they would like to keep it that way.

6. Holly suggested that NC-12 be more pedestrian friendly. She was also concerned with the design work for the Mid Currituck Bridge and how its design for the pedestrian crossing is not very safe and deters from pro pedestrian facilities at the beach.

8. David Palmer suggested that we connect the bypass thru Virginia where the Chesapeake Expressway ends instead of the South of the NC line. Kerry was unsure if that could be done, since NCDOT cannot make recommendations within Virginia, but she said she would check.

10. Committee suggests not widening Tulls Creek to 4 lanes, and instead improving Guinea Rd and Poyner Rd.

11. (Kerry wrote down Notes for this)

IV. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans**

- a) Kerry gave everyone a bicycle facilities guide
- b) The group discussed mainland bike and pedestrian topics. Some key areas that they suggested was Waterlily, South Mills Rd (Widen Paved Shoulders), all of 615 (widen Paved shoulders), Tulls Creek, Aydlett Rd (Potential on and off road multi-use paths). They also recommended a route along Grandy Rd. They also recommended a stand-alone bike lane through the expressway by the bridge.
- c) Jerry explained that sidewalks cannot be put in place in some areas because they do not have curbs and gutters. Committee Recommended sidewalks around the schools so that kids can be dropped off from parents and walk to school, which makes them become healthier. Also more connectivity with the schools and their surrounding neighborhoods. (i.e. Sawyertown Rd, Eagle Creek neighborhood to middle school, area by High school, Middle school, and Library, Grandy, Moyock)
- d) The Outer banks do not have any designated bike routes. Committee suggested having off road multi use path trails and also multi use paths along NC-12. County would like to see connectivity among PUDs and NC-12.

V. **Closing Notes**

Meeting was adjourned.